

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please rewrite the claims to read as follows:

Please cancel claims 3 and 7 without prejudice.

- 1    1. (Currently Amended): A method for generating a unique subordinate resource name,
- 2    said method comprising the steps of:
  - 3       identifying a first subordinate resource and a related first superior resource;
  - 4       ascertaining the name of said first superior resource;
  - 5       truncating said first superior resource name to form a first truncated name;
  - 6       obtaining a first counter number from a global counter;
  - 7       appending said first counter number to said first truncated name to form a first
  - 8       appended name; **and**
  - 9       assigning said first appended name to said first subordinate resource;
  - 10      identifying a second subordinate resource and a related second superior resource;
  - 11      ascertaining the name of said second superior resource;
  - 12      truncating said second superior resource name to form a second truncated name;
  - 13      incrementing said global counter to obtain a second counter number;
  - 14      appending said second counter number to said second truncated name to form a
  - 15      second appended name; and
  - 16      assigning said second appended name to the second subordinate resource.

1    2. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1 wherein said step of truncating com-  
2    prises a step of dropping the last  $n$  characters of said first and second superior resource  
3    names, where  $n \geq 3$ .

1    3. (Canceled).

1    4. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 3-2 wherein said counter numbers are at  
2    least three digits in length.

1    5. (Currently Amended): A method for generating a unique subordinate resource name,  
2    said method comprising the steps of:

3        identifying a first subordinate resource and a related first superior resource;

4        ascertaining the name of said first superior resource;

5        obtaining a first counter number of  $n$  digits from a global counter;

6        substituting said first counter number for  $n$  characters in said first superior re-  
7    source name to form a first name; and

8        assigning said first name to said first subordinate resource;

9        identifying a second subordinate resource and a related second superior resource;

10      ascertaining the name of said second superior resource;

11      incrementing said global counter to obtain a second counter number; and

12      substituting said second counter number in said second superior resource name to  
13      form a second name; and

14      assigning said second name to the second subordinate resource.

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1    6. (Original): The method of claim 5 wherein  $n \geq 3$ .

1    7. (Canceled).

Please insert the following new claims 8 *et seq.*:

- 1     8. (New) A method for generating unique subordinate resource names, comprising:
  - 2              identifying one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordinate resources related to one of one or more superior resources;
  - 4              truncating a name of the one or more superior resources; and
  - 5              naming each of the one or more subordinate resources as a combination of the truncated name of its related superior resource and an identification (ID) number, the ID number unique to each of the one or more subordinate resources across all of the one or
  - 6              more superior resources.
- 1     9. (New) The method of claim 8, further comprising:
  - 2              obtaining a counter number from a global counter; and
  - 3              using the counter number as the unique ID number.
- 1     10. (New) The method of claim 9, further comprising: incrementing the global counter for each subordinate resource to obtain a unique counter number.
- 1     11. (New) The method of claim 8, further comprising: truncating  $n$  characters of the superior resource name, where  $n$  is greater than or equal to three.
- 1     12. (New) The method of claim 8, further comprising: using one or more physical units (PUs) as the one or more superior resources.

1    13. (New) The method of claim 8, further comprising: using one or more logical units  
2    (LUs) as the one or more subordinate resources.

1    14. (New) A system, comprising:

2                one or more superior resources, each of the one or more superior resources having  
3                a name; and

4                one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordinate resources  
5                related to one of the one or more superior resources, each of the one or more subordinate  
6                resources being named as a combination of a truncated name of its related superior re-  
7                source and an identification (ID) number, the ID number unique to each of the one or  
8                more subordinate resources across all of the one or more superior resources.

1    15. (New) The system of claim 14, further comprising: a global counter to create a  
2    counter number, the counter number to be used as the unique ID number.

1    16. (New) The system of claim 15, further comprising: the global counter incremented  
2    for each subordinate resource to obtain a unique counter number.

1    17. (New) The system of claim 14, further comprising: the truncated name formed by  
2    truncating  $n$  characters of the superior resource name, where  $n$  is greater than or equal to  
3    three.

1    18. (New) The system of claim 14, further comprising: a server in communicating rela-  
2    tionship with the one or more superior resources.

- 1    19. (New) The system of claim 18, further comprising: a computer network for use as
- 2    the communicating relationship.
  
- 1    20. (New) The system of claim 14, further comprising: one or more physical units (PUs)
- 2    as the one or more superior resources.
  
- 1    21. (New) The system of claim 14, further comprising: one or more logical units (LUs)
- 2    as the one or more subordinate resources.
  
- 1    22. (New) A system, comprising:
  - 2        means for identifying one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordinate resources related to one of one or more superior resources;
  - 4        means for truncating a name of the one or more superior resources; and
  - 5        means for naming each of the one or more subordinate resources as a combination
  - 6        of the truncated name of its related superior resource and an identification (ID) number,
  - 7        the ID number unique to each of the one or more subordinate resources across all of the
  - 8        one or more superior resources.
  
- 1    23. (New) A computer readable media, comprising: the computer readable media con-
- 2    taining instructions for execution on a processor for the practice of the method of,
  
- 3        identifying one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordi-
- 4        nate resources related to one of one or more superior resources;
  
- 5        truncating a name of the one or more superior resources; and
  
- 6        naming each of the one or more subordinate resources as a combination of the
- 7        truncated name of its related superior resource and an identification (ID) number, the ID

8        number unique to each of the one or more subordinate resources across all of the one or  
9        more superior resources.

1        24. (New) Electromagnetic signals propagating on a computer network, comprising: the  
2        electromagnetic signals carrying instructions for execution on a processor for the practice  
3        of the method of,

4              identifying one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordi-  
5        nate resources related to one of one or more superior resources;

6              truncating a name of the one or more superior resources; and

7              naming each of the one or more subordinate resources as a combination of the  
8        truncated name of its related superior resource and an identification (ID) number, the ID  
9        number unique to each of the one or more subordinate resources across all of the one or  
10      more superior resources.